

Women's Activities

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FLOWER SHOW ENTRY. . . . With loving care Clara Gordon Ostolch of La Galeria Florist places yellow tulips and white roses in an antique French pedestal vase belonging to Mrs. Grover C. Whyte for one of La Galeria's entries in the Los Angeles International Flower Show. The vase was entered Friday in the piano arrangement class. Mrs. Ostolch also entered a formal table decoration of bluish pink Denver carnations in a lavender and white Steuben container. (Herald Photo).

YWCA Launches Membership Drive, Plans Year Dinner

One of the most active organizations with an "open membership" is the Young Women's Christian Association, and this week the Torrance branch, in league with the Harbor area "Y," will launch a drive to increase its membership.

The kickoff will be Tuesday in the Torrance "Y" building at 2320 Carson St., with a 25 per cent increase over the January membership set as the goal. Torrance Y's first annual dinner has been scheduled for Thursday.

Tuesday's meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a coffee hour and get-acquainted period. Then Mrs. E. S. Calhoun, past president of the Long Beach YWCA, will speak and Mrs. Arnold Ecklund, chairman of the area membership committee, will brief members of the drive.

Kits and prospect slips will be distributed by Mrs. Otis Blackstone, area membership director. The drive will continue through April 21 and the group obtaining the largest number of new members will be honored at a luncheon: April 29 in the San Pedro YWCA lounge.

A tea honoring the new members will be given April 27 at the close of national YWCA Week in the Torrance branch, with Mrs. J. Parke Montague and Mrs. Walter Levy working on arrangements under the supervision of Mrs. William Kuchs.

The first annual meeting of the Torrance branch will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 3 in the YWCA building. Gertrude Eakin, executive director of the Long Beach YWCA, will be the guest speaker, discussing "On Your Own But Not Alone."

Members, husbands and friends of the "Y" have been bidden to the dinner and should make reservations tomorrow by calling the YWCA, Torrance 1534.

Miss Eakin has served in her present capacity as YWCA director for six years and is a member of the Long Beach Welfare Council and the advisory board of the Junior League. Before entering YWCA work in Oregon

CSNA Parley Draws Nurses From Harbor

Seven nurses from the Harbor area attended an all-day institute last week for members of the nursing profession, held in the Santa Ana YWCA.

Representing this area were Peggy Feuille, president of District 21 of the California State Nurses Association, Miss Sarah Regan and Mmes. Mary Leonard, Dorothy Rudbach, Alice Skaanes, Rosalind Bartowski and Pearl Gray.

Miss Shirley C. Titus, executive director of CSNA, was the evening speaker. Subjects discussed during the day's sessions included post-operative nursing, cardiology, new drugs, educational opportunities, care of burns and military nurse corps. New types of equipment were demonstrated during the day.



RESERVATIONS, PLEASE . . . Deadline for dinner reservations for the Torrance branch YWCA's first annual dinner meeting is tomorrow, and Mrs. Floyd Miller, right, chairman of the reservation committee, member of the branch board and chairman of Young Adults, spent hours yesterday answering the telephone. She was assisted with reservations for members, husbands and friends of Y members by Mrs. Joseph C. Lukes, left, director of the Torrance branch. Gertrude Eakin of the Long Beach YWCA will be guest speaker at the dinner Thursday evening. (Herald Photo).

Redondo Beach Scene of Riley-Briggs Ceremony

The list of pretty early spring brides was increased March 9 when Marjorie Lou Briggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Briggs of 3331 187th St., exchanged nuptial vows with John L. Riley Jr. of Redondo Beach.

St. James Catholic Church in Redondo was the setting for the 3 p.m. wedding performed by Rev. Michael Hoban. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Riley Sr. of 125 S. Irena, Redondo Beach.

For the informal ceremony the bride chose a gown of ice blue nylon net over taffeta with accessories of white. She carried an old-fashioned bouquet of yellow roses and was given in marriage by her brother, Richard.

Single attendant to the bride, Mrs. Roy (Ann) Baker, wore a teal blue gown of nylon net and carried pink roses. Ed Scanlon served as best man and Roy Baker seated the guests prior to the ceremony.

The bridegroom's parents were hosts to 30 members of the family and close friends at a reception in their home following the wedding. The newlyweds honeymooned in Ensenada and are making their home at 752 Maryland, El Segundo.

The new Mrs. Riley was a junior at Torrance High School prior to her marriage. Her husband is an alumnus of Redondo Beach Union High School.



MR. AND MRS. JOHN L. RILEY JR. . . . Wed in Redondo Beach



MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL J. SOOTER . . . Palm Springs Honeymoon

JUANITA NAVARRO WED IN LONG BEACH CHAPEL

An afternoon ceremony March 22 at the Chimes Wedding Chapel in Long Beach united in marriage Juanita Navarro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Navarro of 1564 W. 219th St., and Michael J. Sooter of Long Beach.

The lovely bride was escorted to the altar by her father for the nuptials performed by Rev. C. Whitty. She was attired in a gown of white satin with a lace bodice and collar, and wore a fingertip illusion net veil held in place by a heart-shaped crown. The bridal bouquet was fashioned of white carnations and lilies of the valley, centered with a white orchid.

Mrs. Kenneth Belles was the only attendant. She wore a gown of powder blue satin with matching accessories and carried pink camellias and lilies of the valley.

Bob Sooter served as best man for the benedict, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sooter of Long Beach. Kenneth Belles is

Barringtons Host Evening For Celebrity

An "Oscar" winner and his wife were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Barrington of 1541 Post Ave. last Wednesday evening—Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gilks of Hollywood.

Arriving early in the evening, the Gilkses brought with them the coveted gold "Oscar" which Gilks won for his outstanding color cinematography of "An American in Paris." For his work on the same film he was also awarded a certificate by top reviewers, critics and commentators in New York, resulting from the "Famous Five Poll" conducted by Film Daily.

Barrington and Gilks have been friends since World War I when they served together for two years in the Navy. The friendship has continued since that time.

Gilks, who formerly was associated with such large studios as MGM, Universal and 20th Century Fox, is now free-lancing and recently completed a special seven month top-secret project for the Navy on "Project Vista."

During World War II he was a commander in the Navy, filming highly specialized color movies for the OSS. Just before the war he spent seven months traveling around the world with the William K. Vanderbilt expedition. His movies later were shown under the title of "The Seven Seas."

The Barringtons expect another visit from the Gilkses in the near future, when they will hear tales of other movies photographed by Gilks. Some of his most famous have been "Old Ironsides," the outstanding silent film of 1924; "Excuse My Dust," "Ruggles of Red Gap" with Charles Laughton and the much-loved "Little Miss Marker" with Shirley Temple.



ELIZABETH ANN KLEM . . . Betrothal Told

Burchfield-Klem Wedding Planned For Next Month

There is a wedding planned for May 2 which will interest many Torrance people—that of Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Klem and Thomas Joseph Burchfield.

The betrothal news which links the names of the popular young couple was revealed last week at a family dinner in the home of the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Beulah Shannon, of 220 16th St., Hermosa Beach. Joseph Klem of Oak Park, Ill. is the father of the prospective bride.

First Methodist Church of Torrance has been selected for the wedding. The benedict-elect is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Burchfield of 2030 Martina Ave.

The engaged pair first met at Torrance High School from which both were graduated, the bride-elect in 1951 and her fiancé in 1950. Betty was active in athletic and service clubs at THS, belonging to Tartar Ladies and GAA, and serving as song queen.

Research and her future husband is working for her father at the Burchfield Carpet Works.

The program was presented by players from the Ramona pageant who entertained the group with Mexican songs and dances and a short dramatic scene from the play.

Following the program the group discussed the April conference which will take place at the Ambassador Hotel, and district chairmen gave their reports.

Refreshments were served by members of the Huntington Park Woman's Club.

Nutrition To Be Topic Of Lectures

Foods play such an important part in the life of everyone that their value can never be stressed strongly enough.

To point out the many facets of nutrition, the Redondo Evening High School, in cooperation with the South Bay Children's Health Center Association, Inc., and the Living Foods Study Group of the South Bay, has arranged a series of five lectures by Adele Davis, one of the country's outstanding nutritionists.

First lecture of the series, "Food Can Increase Your Energy," was presented Tuesday evening at 7:30 in Room 115 of the high school science building.

The four succeeding lectures, all on consecutive Tuesdays at 7:30 p. m., will cover the topics, "Food Can Build Your Resistance," "Foods Can Determine Attractiveness," "Foods Can Prevent Degenerative Diseases," and "Foods Can Build Health on a Limited Budget." Dates will be April 1, 15, 22 and 29.

The lectures are open to the public free of charge according to Principal Raymond W. Jones, and a discussion period will follow each lecture.

Y-Teen 'Work Day' Earns Money For Delegates

The Continentals, a Y-teen club with Mrs. Jean West as advisor, had a "work day" yesterday. Club members sought out jobs from babysitting to car washing and lawn mowing, and will use money earned to send delegates to the regional Y-Teen Conference at Asilomar in June.

Advisors Host Junior Party

Blue jeans and calcos were the proper attire for the Dude Ranch party of Junior Woman's Club Wednesday evening hosted by the club's advisors, Mmes. B. T. Whitney, Carl Steele and J. E. Stavert.

Mrs. W. I. Laughon led community singing following games. The juniors were presented with a sterling silver coffee pot by the Senior Woman's Club to complete their silver service.

Present for the occasion were Mrs. B. W. Roberts, president of the Woman's Club, Mmes. W. I. Laughon, C. T. Rippey, G. C. Van DeVenter, D. L. Seay and John Oursler, past advisors.

Woman's Club To Hostess Reciprocity

District and county officers of the California Federation of Women's Clubs will be honored guests Wednesday at the annual reciprocity luncheon hosted by the Torrance Woman's Club.

Past presidents will also be feted during the affair, which is to begin at 12:30 in the club house. Board members will be in charge of the afternoon.

The program will start at 2 o'clock and will feature Alice Lee, soprano; William Swan, baritone and Raymond McFeeters on the piano. They will present numbers of popular appeal from semi-classics to the latest Broadway hits.

The final Fanny McEnroe book review is scheduled to begin at 9 p.m., April 7, according to Mrs. Paul Vonderahe, publicity chairman.

She reported that the Torrance Woman's Club was represented at the 21st annual convention of Los Angeles County CFWC by Mmes. B. W. Roberts, Albert Ewalt, W. I. Laughon and H. T. Mitchell. Mrs. B. Taylor Whitney of the Torrance group is American citizenship chairman for the county and was present, and Mrs. L. Ahrens was a guest.

The convention took place Monday in the Tuesday Afternoon Club of Glendale, with Mrs. J. Ellsworth Hixson presiding.

OES Meeting Honors Five Job Members

Five members of Bethel 50, Job's Daughters, received their majority certificates during the stated meeting of Torrance Chapter 380, Order of Eastern Star, last week in the Masonic Temple.

Worthy Babcock, guardian of the Job's Daughters, officiated at the degree ceremony, presenting certificates to Dorothy Warming, Pat Swigart, Beverly Luster, Beverly Stirling and Peggy Crook. Honored Queen Mary Ann Lenton, her corps of officers and the Bethel choir assisted with the program.

Worthy Matron Alethea Smith and Worthy Patron Floyd Mead presided over the evening when Hazel Mills, worthy matron of the Bingham Canyon, Utah chapter, was honored guest.

A green and white St. Patrick's Day theme was used for decorations on the refreshment table, planned by Past Matron Mildred Edwards and her committee.

Many Attend District Meet

Fern Ave.-Greenwood PTA was well represented Thursday at the 41st annual convention of the First District, California Congress of Parents and Teachers in Long Beach.

Delegates journeying to the neighboring beach city included Mmes. G. D. Arrowsmith, C. S. Connors, E. M. Dikus, W. C. Higdon, J. L. Hinds, E. W. Ingram, A. K. Krauser, C. F. Maone, W. W. Megow, R. E. Murphy, J. R. Patrick, G. G. Grubb and A. R. Thistle.

The unit's publicity record book, compiled by Mrs. J. A. Tisenbrandt, was a part of the discussion display.

Torrance High School and the bridegroom attended Harbor Junior College. He is now employed at Columbia Steel Co. and his bride is a receptionist for Dr. Harold E. Essex in Walteria.

BOARD MEETING

Officers of Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, will be guests of Mrs. John Melville, 1512 El Prado, on Monday, April 7, for an executive board meeting.